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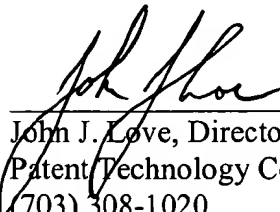
In re Application of	:	
Stacy Haitzuka et al.	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 09/632,774	:	UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.103(a) FOR
Filed: August 4, 2000	:	SUSPENSION OF EXAMINATION
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.103(a) filed January 15, 2004 (Paper No. 9) for suspension of examination. This decision replaces the Office letter inadvertently mailed 2/11/04 since that letter was lacking the signature of a Group Director for "second or subsequent suspension of action in patent applications" (see MPEP 709 and 1002.02(c)).

Applicant's request for suspension of action in this application under 37 CFR 1.103(a) is **DENIED** as being improper. Applicant's reason for requesting suspension is "to await the resolution of pending related US patent applications having common ownership ... we have filed appeals in matters 09/348,411, 09/632,768 and 09/632,318." This reasoning does not represent a showing of good and sufficient cause for suspension of action as set forth in 37 CFR 1.103(a) and MPEP 709. It could be numerous years before decision is expected on these appeals. Such a time period would represent an unreasonable period for which to wait before issuing a first Office action in the instant application.

The application will be forwarded to the Examiner to take up in turn for action.

If the petitioner desires further review of the Director's Decision, applicant should consider filing a Petition for Review of the Director's Decision under 37 CFR §1.181(a)(3).

  
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